

Montana State Legislature

2013 Session

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BUSINESS REPORT

**MONTANA SENATE
63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

SENATE FINANCE AND CLAIMS COMMITTEE

Date: Thursday, April 4, 2013
Place: Capitol

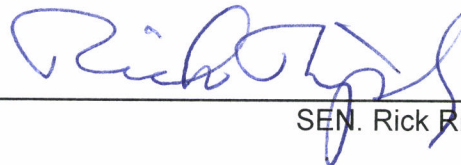
Time: 8:00 AM
Room: 317

BILLS and RESOLUTIONS HEARD:

HB 2 - General Appropriations Act - Rep. Duane Ankney

EXECUTIVE ACTION TAKEN:

Comments:



SEN. Rick Ripley, Chair

MONTANA STATE SENATE

ROLL CALL

FINANCE AND CLAIMS COMMITTEE

DATE: April 4, 2013

NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT/ EXCUSED
Chairman Ripley	✓	
Vice Chair Walker	✓	
Senator Brenden	✓	
Senator Brown	✓	
Senator Buttrey	✓	
Senator Caferro	✓	✓
Senator Essmann		✓
Senator Hamlett	✓	
Senator Jones	no	✓
Senator Keane	✓	
Senator Lewis	✓	
Senator Moore		✓
Senator Olson	✓	✓
Senator Priest	✓	✓
Senator Rosendale	✓	
Senator Sesso	✓	✓
Senator Tropila	✓	✓
Senator Wanzenried	✓	
Senator Webb	✓	
Senator Windy Boy	✓	✓

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Name	Representing	Support	Oppose	Info
Dani Judge	MT Nurses Association	X		Amend Title X
Terry Minnow	MEA - MFT	X		
Danielle Gole	Hill County Health Dept	X		Amend Title X
Erin McGowan Fincham	MT Public Health Assn.	X		
Rose Hughes	Int Health Care Assn	X		
Charlie Briggs	Easter Seals - Goodwill	X		
DARLENE BALK	AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY	X		TITLE X
	CANCER ACTION NETWORK			
Deb Mattern	American Cancer Society CAN	Volunteer		Title X
Jani McCall	YBRR	X		
	MT Assn of Area Agencies on Aging	X		
	Assn of MT Public Health	X		
Kim Leighton	NARAL	X		Amend Title X
Shacey Anderson	Planned Parenthood	✓		Amend in title X
Kristin Page Nei	American Cancer Society	✓		Amend in title X
	Cancer Action Network			

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April 3, 2013

Mr. Chairman, members of the committee, my name is Jess Fischer, F-I-S-C-H-E-R. I am a 21 year old single mom and I work as a waitress. I came from Billings today with my son, Adein, to tell this committee how important it is for girls and women to get checkups and birth control at places like Planned Parenthood.

I don't have health insurance and I never have. My mom took me to Planned Parenthood when I was 14, and I have been going there ever since for all my checkups and birth control. I choose to go to Planned Parenthood because they have always treated me with dignity and I never feel judged just because I can't afford to pay full price for the care they give me.

My friends all go to Planned Parenthood, too. We were all surprised to learn that some people in this building want to eliminate the only women's health program that has ever been available to us. My friend Hannah was able to prevent cancer when Planned Parenthood detected abnormal cells during a routine pap test. I don't know where we would go if Planned Parenthood was forced to shut its doors.

We need the family planning program. It's important and it's the right thing to do. Please restore the Title X funds.

Thank you,

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On 12/1/77, I received a letter from the American Cancer Society, dated 12/1/77, regarding the possibility of a clinical trial for the treatment of breast cancer. The letter stated that the trial was for women with early-stage breast cancer and that the treatment involved the use of a new drug called "tamoxifen".

I do not have health insurance and have been told that I would have to pay for the treatment out of pocket. I have been told that the treatment is not covered by my insurance and that I would have to pay for it myself. I am not sure if I can afford to pay for the treatment and I am not sure if I want to.

My friends all go to Planned Parenthood, too. They have all told me that they have been able to get the treatment for free. I have been told that they have been able to get the treatment for free because they have been able to get it through Planned Parenthood. I am not sure if I can get it through Planned Parenthood and I am not sure if I want to.

We need the family planning program as a backup and it is the right thing to do. Please restore the title of the program.

Thank you.

Lois P. Parnes

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Madam/Mr. Chairperson and members of the committee,

My name is Charlotte Kelley from Billings, MT. I am a 32 year old mother of two, a United States Army Veteran, and a full time student close to earning my degree in health care administration. Because I don't have health insurance, I have gone to Planned Parenthood for most of my adult life. The federally funded Title X program made it possible for me to see a health care provider.

The prevailing argument against Title X is that it funds abortion. In reality, it goes to people, who like me, need prenatal care and to learn about my options when I became pregnant. I have two beautiful and healthy boys, ages ten and twelve, because Planned Parenthood discussed my options with me and started me out on a healthy pregnancy.

There are many women in Montana who, like me, have no health insurance and cannot afford to pay out of pocket for doctor visits or preventative care. The state family planning program has helped a handful of my friends find ovarian cysts, cervical cancers and in once case breast cancer. These women, my friends, might have died without the option of going to Planned Parenthood and other state Title X clinics for cancer screenings.

I work hard, I raise my children, I go to school and I contribute to society. I do it for pennies. I urge you, please, reinstate family planning into the state budget. The health of hard working Montanans is in your hands.

Charlotte Kelley

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Mr. Chairman, members of the committee, my name is Stephanie Ferguson, F-E-R-G-U-S-O-N. I was born and raised in Billings and now I am raising a family there too.

I have been using Planned Parenthood for the past 12 years. At age 15 I took it upon myself to get on birth control. I would not have been able to do that had it not been for Planned Parenthood. As I grew older I continued to go there for my annual exams as well as birth control. I have never had health insurance and have always counted on going to Planned Parenthood. In September of last year one of the N.P.'s found a lump in my breast and suggested an ultrasound which would be costly to someone like me without health insurance. I received the ultrasound and fortunately it was nothing to worry about.

As of today I am a full time student, I work part time and I am raising beautiful, healthy twin daughters. I continue to rely on Planned Parenthood as I work toward a better life for my family. I have always received wonderful care as well as preventative care. I hope I will be able to continue to using Planned Parenthood not only because I can afford it but also because they offer outstanding care.

I urge the committee to support the amendment to restore family planning funds.

Thank you.

Stephanie Ferguson
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Mr. Chairman, members of the committee,

My name is Jen Gross, G-R-O-S-S and I live in Billings, where I was born and raised. I am the Volunteer Program Coordinator for PPMT and PPAMT, and I work every day with volunteers, supporters and advocates – many of whom are also patients – who KNOW the important role the Title X program plays in growing and sustaining healthy communities. Believe me there is widespread support for this program in Billings and across the state.

I now have health insurance through my employer, but for ten years I had no health coverage. As a student and a waitress it was not only a huge relief, but a blessing, to be able to access the sliding scale fees at Planned Parenthood. It helped me to stay healthy and work toward to achieve my goals.

My little sister is in a similar situation. She's a fulltime student at MSU-Billings, she waits tables and she has no health coverage. Unlike me she has 4½ year old twin daughters also in the equation. She, like 25,000 women in Montana, relies on the care made available by Title X funds.

With the chairman's permission I would like to submit written testimony on my little sister's behalf. On behalf of the thousands of Montana women who access healthcare through the state's family planning program, I would urge the committee to support the amendment to restore Title X to the budget.

Thank you.

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